

higher than a density of surrounding portions of said nonwoven fabric extending around said parts of the portions.

5. (Amended) The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein a total area of said plurality of openings occupies 2 - 60 % of a surface area of said nonwoven fabric.

6. (Amended) The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said nonwoven fabric is made of thermoplastic synthetic fibers.

7. (Amended) The topsheet according to Claim 1, wherein said upper surface of said nonwoven fabric is covered with a plurality of ribbon-like thermoplastic synthetic resin film strips spaced in parallel to one another and extending in one of a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

- } A topsheet for a disposable wearing article that is formed with a plurality of fine openings each having an area of about 0.16 - 5mm<sup>2</sup> and a part of the peripheral edge of each opening is protuberated upward from an upper surface of the topsheet. The topsheet is thereby improved so that body fluids can be rapidly absorbed and stuffiness as well as eruption of the wearer's skin can be reliably avoided.